

Washington Gets Jittery Over March

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WASHINGTON (AP)—The vanguard began arriving in an increasingly nervous capital Tuesday for today's big "march for jobs and freedom."

The latest estimate from the leaders of the Negro and white marchers was that at least 100,000 persons would take part in the demonstration, including 25,000 to 35,000 Washingtonians. However, nobody was sure of anything like an exact number.

Authorities still insisted they looked for no major

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trouble, but they were taking extraordinary precautions. For example, in a last-minute move, the District of Columbia commissioners prohibited all sales of alcoholic drink from midnight Tuesday to 2 a.m. Thursday.

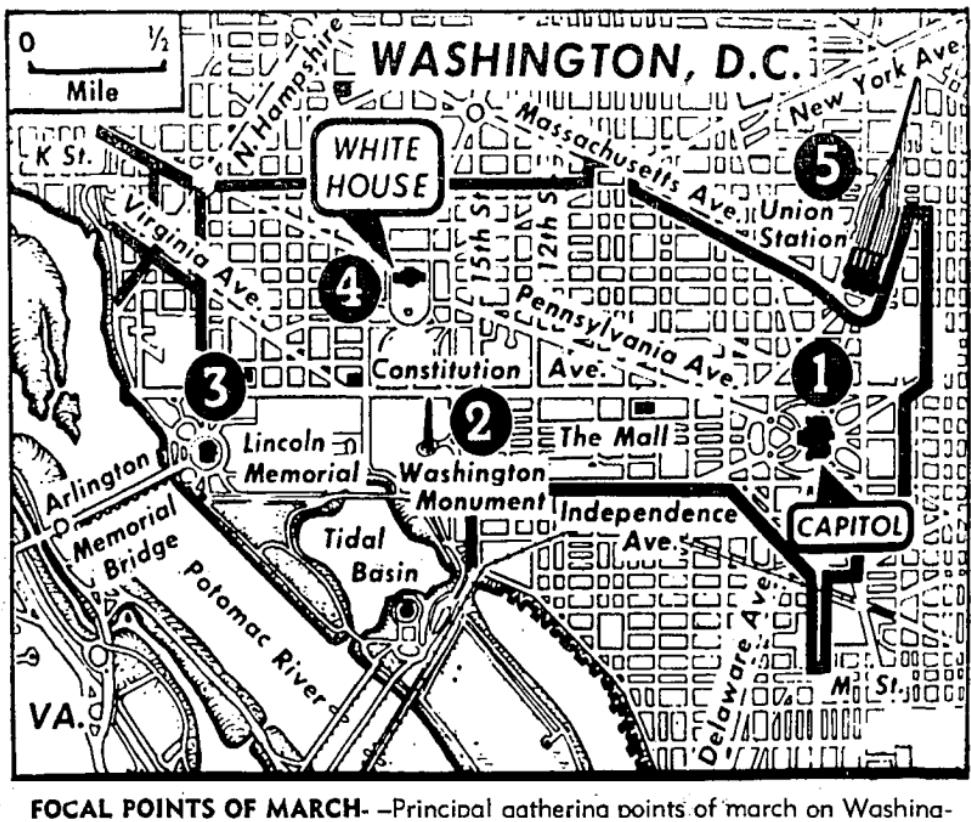
Some 5,000 police, national guardsmen, deputized firemen and police reservists have been assigned to crowd and trouble control duties. About 4,000 regular Army troops and Marines are in barracks nearby.

Station Ready

Union Station, near the Capitol, was ready for its biggest day's business in years. Rail officials reported that 20 special trains, each carrying perhaps 1,000 riders, are due to roll into the station between 7:35 a.m. and 11:50 a.m. today. The trains are scheduled to start leaving at 5:10 p.m. and, if everything goes according to plan, the last one is to pull out at 8:15 p.m.

This all assumes that a

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FOCAL POINTS OF MARCH. —Principal gathering points of march on Washington are (1) the Capitol, (2) Washington Monument, the assembly area; (3) the Lincoln Memorial, site of main ceremonies; (4) White House and (5) Union Station, point of departure. Only leaders will be at Capitol and the White House. Heavy black lines show area of restricted parking and movement of vehicles.

(AP Wirephoto map)

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railroad strike does not go into effect—as threatened—at 12:01 a.m. Thursday. A railroad spokesman said most lines would not start passenger trains which would not reach their final destination before the threatened strike begins.

However, he also said that trains are under way at the beginning of a strike, every effort would be made to move them to a terminal where passengers could conveniently get other transportation.

Commends Leaders

Besides rail travelers, the freedom marchers are coming in by bus, plane and private automobile. Though admittedly uncertain, police headquarters estimated that the grand total of marchers from out of town might be 76,000.

House Speaker John W. McCormack (D-Mass.) said that "if necessary, firmness should be evidenced" to maintain discipline during the march.

He asserted at a news conference that there is no question the march leaders "are doing everything possible to have an orderly demonstration. I commend them for that."

Asked if he thinks the march will have an effect on Congress, he said, "Certainly an orderly march would, in my opinion, be helpful." Asked whether he referred specifically to passage of a civil rights bill, he said: "I expect a civil rights bill will be passed anyway."

The demonstrators are backing the Kennedy civil rights package — and are making several other broad demands.

Fair Skies Forecast

This morning march leaders are to see Congress chieftains on Capitol Hill, while the rank-and-file congregate on the Washington Monument grounds. After the demonstration, its leaders are to have a session at 5 p.m. with President Kennedy at the White House.

The weatherman forecast fair skies and a high of about 84 for the march. Here are highlights of the day's schedule:

Perhaps long before dawn, early-bird marchers will begin gathering at the Washington Monument grounds and the ellipse behind the White House. Beginning at 10 a.m. the crowd will be entertained by music and public bows from Hollywood and Broadway stars, some of whom are flying in from Paris.

Then at 11:30 a.m. the marchers—singing "We Shall Overcome"—are to start for

the Lincoln Memorial, less than a mile away. They are to move along Constitution Ave., Independence Ave., and across the grass bordering the reflecting pool.

At the memorial, Marian Andersen will lead in singing "The Star Spangled Banner."

The Most Rev. Patrick

A. O'Boyle, Roman Catholic archbishop of Washington, will give the invocation.

A. Philip Randolph, chairman of the national march committee, will make opening remarks, Dr. Eugene

Carson Blake of the National Council of Churches will talk, and Mrs. Medgar Evers, widow of a civil rights leader slain in Mississippi, will pay tribute to five Negro women leaders of the civil rights movement.

Next will be speeches by

John Lewis of the Student Nonviolent Co-ordinating Committee and Walter Reuther of the AFL-CIO United

Auto Workers. James Farmer, national director of the Congress of Racial Equality, was to talk, but he chose to remain in a Louisiana jail.

Arrested for his activities in connection with a civil

rights drive, Farmer has

penned a message to be read

at the memorial. It is enti-

tled "A Message From a

South Louisiana Jail."

Then the Eva Jasse Choir

will sing. Rabbi Yuri Miller

of the Synagogue Council of

America will offer prayer.

There will follow talks by

Mathew Ahmann of the Na-

tional Catholic Conference

for Interracial Justice, Whit-

ney Young of the National

Urban League and Roy Wil-

kins of the National Assn.

for the Advancement of Col-

ored People. Gospel singer

Mahalia Jackson will sing.

Rabbi Joachim Prinz of the American Jewish Congress will speak, and then the Rev.

Martin Luther King Jr. of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference will deliver the final four-minute talk.

After a reading of the demonstration demands and a pledge to continue the civil rights fight, there will be

benediction by Dr. Benjamin Mays of Morehouse College.



EXPLAINING TO SON —Roosevelt Nessmith of Camden, N.J., explains civil rights march on Washington to his son, Roosevelt Noel. At rear, Washington Monument. To child's right is a stack of signs to be carried in demonstration.
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